

Appl. No. 09/870,010
Amdt. Dated March 23, 2007
Reply to Office Action of November 20, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2 and 4 are the independent claim. Claims 1 and 3 are withdrawn. Claims 2 and 4 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Status of Present Application

The final rejection was withdrawn in the current office action. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the reconsideration and withdrawal of the final office action.

Claim Election

The office action requires the Applicant to selection between group I including claims 1 and 3, and group II including the remaining claims 2 and 4. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute group II, claims 2 and 4.

The Construction of "Image Input Device"

The office action at page 3, lines 1-3 recognizes the "image input device" as an electronic device such as a scanner, as defined in the Specification.

The Specification at page 7, lines 1-3 recites, "In the network system shown in FIG. 1A, a bus type LAN network 10 is connected with a scanner 1 as an image input device." Accordingly, the above construction of "image input device" is proper.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing the construction of "image input device."

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

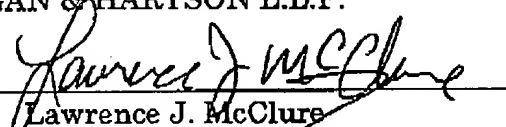
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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